Players Quick to Say They Will Fight if Occasion Calls

By FRED HAWTHORNE

At the recent annual meeting of the inited States National Lawn Tennis tsociation, at the Waldorf-Astoria stell Robert D. Wrenn, former presisted of that body, offered a resolution the effect that in case of war with the practical of the practi bermany the association be author-bed to cancel all tournaments on the chadule for the coming season. The dation was unanimously passed.

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This was a matter of routine parliamentary procedure at the meeting, yet its fraught with great possibilities in the future. The world knows what art the British, French. German and Russian lawn tennis players have usen in the war that has shaken the chilited world to its very foundations. The tennis players, more than any the ine of athletes, have contributed their share of heroes to the battlefield. Anthony F. Wilding, the splendid New Relander, gave up his life for his country somewhere in France. He was prhaps the most prominent of those who have responded to the call of duty. But there are many others who have hear deaths as dauntlessly. But there are many others who e to their deaths as dauntlessly The day has gone by when tennis is spoken of slightingly. We have all teard it referred to as "a sissy game" and only fit for the physically infirm, set that was in years gone by, before the great players had demonstrated the tremendous physical and nervous at entailed.

watson M. Washburn, one of the first ten in the ranking list, sounded a popular note at the annual meeting ten he offered a resolution pledging its support of one million players in the United States to President Wilson

S. Howard Veshell's unexpected defeat of Clifton B. Herd, of California, in the championship round of the national indoor lawn tennis tournament at the 7th Regiment armory was hailed with satisfaction by those Easterners who had begun to fear that the California brand of game was about to experience another season of sweeping successes on the courts.

The East is steadily gaining in strength, and Voshell's feat in bringing hack the national indoor title to the Allantic Coast, following as it does of tearing spart one of the greatest

Atlantic Coast, following as it does Bichard Norris Williams, 2d's, triumph mer Johnston at Forest Hills last September 1 of the greatest baseball matchines the game has ever tember, is ample proof that the men known from the Coast are not to have things About

AT AMHERST WITH BASEBALL TEAM BASEBALL TEAM his strong recommendations as a minor leaguer, together with inside reports from Mack's scouts. In the outfield Strunk will be aided by Ping Bodie, of White Sox fame, and Frank Thrasher, a recruit from the Southern league. Mack believes that Southern league. The goods, despite his

Amherst, Mass., Feb. 24.—Winter baseball practice at Amherst began this week with the arrival of Coach George Davis, the old White Sox player, and a call for battery candisate. Eighteen men have appeared for these positions and are practising

the Pratt gymnasium cage, and more reporting daily.

Amherst's baseball prospects for MT will depend upon the success Casch Davis will have in developing a micient pitching staff during the text few weeks. Of the fourteen upirants for a mound try-out not one tent team. Knauth has seen service is the outfield and at first, but has been service in the outfield and at first, but has been pitched for the 'varsity. He has letty of speed and knowledge of the

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Three Prize Winners at the Westminster Kennel Show



MACK HOPES TO BUILD AROUND FOUR VETERANS

NADMEN. NINE TIMES WINNER WITHOUT

Photos by GREELEY SERVICE

see Jonnson at Potes that the men fem the Coast are not to have things il their way during 1917.

Voshell played a little better than he had ever done before in winning his first national title. His work at the set was of the superlative order, and, although he expended an amazing amount of energy in constantly charging the barrier, he was only following ent his carefully prepared plan of battle.

Herd tells us he intends to spend the summer in the East, where he is studying music. This means that he will probably be seen frequently on local ceurts. His spectacular style of play and the inimitable California dash and may with which he enters into every nelly are certain to make him popular with followers of the game.

The tenth annual national indoor lash tenth annual rational indoor lash tenths annual fast vs. West matches, beginning on March 7, at Los Angeless. By doing so she will lose the opportunity of obtaining permanent possession of the big challenge cup.

COACH DAVIS BUSY

AT AMHERST WITH

Southern league. Mack believes that Bodie can deliver the goods, despite his former failure with the Sox. Thrasher comes along with a record of never having hit below 300 in any league. He hit better than 300 for Atlanta last

SCORES TWO WINS

Stuyvesant won a double-header of basketball victories over Morris on the former's court last night. After the first team of Stuyvesant had defeated its opponents, 29 to 17, the Morris sec-ond team was also downed by a score

after pitched for the 'varsity. He has senty of speed and knowledge of the pas, however, and may develop into a pod man. McGowan was taken on the Southern training trip last year, last was afforded no opportunity to the remaining men, several, including Hughes, Cummings, Carpenter and Gillies, have done good work in terthas and interfraternity games.

Of 18 to 8.

The line-up of the first team follows:

MORBIS

C. C. N. Y. will splash with the Blue and White next Saturday at Columbia for the second time this season. The large of the second time this season. The shany Clinton, the rugged East Side will be seen to the second time the season that the shang a slashing ten-round draw. The winning tally was driven home by Nathan, the Cutler right wing. Berkeley-Irving several times threatened to score in the second period, but found Piper, for Cutler, an impregnable goal tender.

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THE SPORT & Grantland Rice

TO JOHN HENRY WAGNER About two years since Connie cut Upon the Occasion of His Forty-third Birthday

> But I'd like to be A kid like you, at forty-three-Wrinkled, perhaps, and somewhat gray, But still a kid-a kid at heart-A player on the field of play, Walting another season's start-Waiting still for the bell to ring-At forty-three-Oh, gee-For spring-an oldtime spring-Not of the spring the poets sing-The spring of roses and old dreams-But, rather, of the Crash and Bing, Of two-base hits and winning teams-The ancient roar That ochoes in a jubilee When your long triple ties the score,

If I could only know the joy At forty-three, Of waiting for a spring like that, To take my place out in the game-With spike and glove, with ball and bat, While 30,000 cheered my name-To look Age in the face-and grin The while I held Youth by the hand-To play the game out-lose or win-As only you can understand-You, who still romp amid the clan Of those unborn when you began.

At forty-three.

At forty-three I know where most of us will be-Gouty and old-or fat and slow-Dressed up, without a place to go Along the royal road of play In games that hold a nation's sway; But you, still in the morning's sun, Have only started-just begun-You who, amid the long parade, Saw Matty start and shine and jade-Saw Waddell, Walsh and Chance and Brown Rise up-make good-and then drop down, Forgotten in each fickle town,

No pitchers cheered the season through When you came hulking into view.

of YANKIBOURNE TWO FIRST.

BEST

PEKINGESE

Some game-we know-But you, who've seen them come and go, Know how soon Youth runs into Age, As, one by one, the old Bush calls, As great names leave the Sporting Page And even mighty Larry falls. But you, alone, Cling to the throne, Not caring that the hour is late, Defying Tide and Time and Fate; Or, maybe, Hans, you must have known That out the highway, mile by mile,

If you had faded, passed or flown The game would not have been worth while. Baseball without Hans Wagner's name?-Who'd care to see that sort of game? A box score minus Wagner's hit?-We couldn't even think of it!

Wars drift by-Wars and rumors of war's alarm-But the light still flames in your Batting Eye, And the snap remains in your ancient arm; For Time has beckoned you in vain-Has called you with its yearly plea But you still hold your ancient reign And stick around-at forty-three-At forty-three-when most of them at thirty-four Have long since faded from the push-Have driven in their final score Or drifted back into the Bush. But you have never heard Time call, Too busy out there playing ball,

Making a fancy stop or hit

Or all the bally rest of it.

And so-From all who love the game, Here's to the glory of your fame ... Wave on, forever wave, Old Scout, Safe from the Umpire's final "Out"-You, who have found the fabled fount Of Youth, and Aprils-yet-to-be-You who have spurned Time's fatal count To play the game at forty-three.

COLUMBIA GETS GAME ON AMHERST SCHEDULE

Jack Kerns, the globe trotting manager of pugilists, is the last individual to rise up and declare himself the manager of Les Darcy, the Australian middleweight and heavyweight champion.

According to a statement made last night by Kerns, he met Darcy in Australia two years ago and signed a three years' contract with the boxer, this contract being approved by Darcy's parents and lawyer. E. T. O'Sullivan, who has been posing as the guardian of Les's fistic fortunes in this country, has no claim of any kind on the Australian, according to Kerns, who says he is ready to start managing Darcy from now on.

Open Season April 12 Birmingham, Ala., Feb. 24.—The 1917 schedule of the Southern Baseball Association, adopted here to-day, provides for 152 zames, with the season opening on April 12 and closing September 15. A post-season series between the championship team and a nine picked from the other seven clubs

COLGATE TRIMS WEST POINT AT BASKETBALL

Goals from field—C. Gerhardt. Kilburn (2). Vidal. Shrader. Cole. Rundell, Anderson (3). Vidal. Shrader. Cole. Rundell, Anderson (4). Kinber. Substitutions—Tate for C. Gerhardt. W. Gerhardt. for Kilburn: Shrader for Vidal. Cole for Krober. Rundell for Drayer. Time of halves—Rundell for Drayer. Time of halves—Tessity minutes. Refere—Mr. O'Shea. St. John's. Umpire—Mr. Koch. Yonkers A. C.

Augie Ratner III

Augie Ratner is suffering from an attack of grip, and his bout with Marty Cross, which was to have been held at the Palace Sporting Club. in The Bronx, Monday night, has been postponed two weeks.

Mediding Red.—C. Gerhardt. W. Gerhardt. Timber. San Francisco, Feb. 24.—An invitation from the University of Keio, in Jupan, to play a series of twelve base-ball games there has been accepted by the executive committee of the University of California.

The committee voted favorably on the project, but decided to ask the Japanese university to defer the series until Jupa instead of May, as first suggested.

It is probable that the California tenm will play games in Hawaii on the way to Cherryland.

Bowler New President

DETROIT'S ROOTERS READY FOR SEASON

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Montclair Five Loses

Detroit, Feb. 24.-Undismayed by the strike talk and the war rumors that GIANTS FOR SALE?

Wolgast Earned Title in Real Jungle Fight

Yet Conqueror of Durable Dane Could Not Batter Superman

By W. O. M'GEEHAN

The passing of Ad Wolgast, former lightweight champion, from active ring work brings one back to the days of real fights and real lightweights. The "Little Dutchman," now reported to be suffering from a mental and physical breakdown as the result of his meteoric ring career, was a typical fighter of that one supremely popular class, the lightweight division.

He won his championship in perhaps the most fiercely contested battles ever fought since the bare knuckle days, and he won it from the toughest man that ever stood inside the ropes, Battling Nelson. That was on Washington's Birthday, 1910, at Point Richmond, a transbay suburb of San Fran-The fight was staged in a temporary

Fostering Patriotism by Use

Rifle shooting in the public high ship for a long time because of a superhuman ability to receive punishment and to keep coming until his antagonist's arms grew weary and till his heart broke from the sheer uselessness of pounding at a bleeding face that did not wince under his hardest blows. Then Nelson would batter down his opponent, not cleanly, not in a spectacular fashion, but sluggishly and ponderously.

Gans had battered Nelson for more than forty rounds at Goldfield, but the Durable Dane, blinded, bleeding and bruised, continued to come back. Later Nelson twice knocked out Gans, who was one of the hardest and cleanest hitters among the lightweights of all time. Of course, the Gans who finally succumbed to Nelson was not the Gans of a few years before. He was weakened by incipient tuberculosis when Nelson wore him down, but he still could hit.

Selicon Not Knocked Out schools of the City of New York, conducted by the Public Schools Athletic League, has taken hold of the students with unbounded vigor. Greater numusing the sub-target gun machines in that did not the school buildings. Boys are now blows. Then forming into groups in each high school and reporting to the coach in charge of shooting for practice and cans had

The guns are absolutely harmless. The guns are absolutely harmless. They provide an opportunity of teaching the youngsters the art of shooting without the use of ball and cartridge. Tournaments are held on these guns, and a valuable and handsome trophy has been presented by Harry Payne Whitney, to be awarded to the school team scoring the best record.

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edge they get from practicing on the machine gun, they are then grouped into teams and allowed to practice with hall and cartridge in the various National Guard armories, under the approvision of their school coach and guardsman, who has been assigned to teach them the finer points of rife shooting. It is remarkable how efficient these young marksmen become on the indoor ranges. During the fall each year General Wingate arranges for an outdoor rifle shooting championship on the state rifle ranges, at Peekskill, N, Y. The boys are required to do at least once a year to receive their marksmen medals.

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This work is going to continue, and, in addition, the P. S. A. L. is now forming military battaliens in all the public high schools, and through the efforts of General Wingate and his coworkers, National Guardsmen and regular army officers are drilling these young men one afternoon each week, after school hours, in every armory in the City of New York. Judging from the large attendance at these drills the young men seem to enjoy this valuable and healthful exercise. In addition to this, the P. S. A. L. is preparing an army of young men who would be capable of protecting life and property should the occasion arise.

Grouped—not from a punch, but from sheer exhaustion. It was not a pleasant thing to see.

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AT THE FINISH

of Machine Guns

New Brunswick, N. J., Feb. 24.—Af-ter outplaying Lafayette throughout the first half of play, the Rutgers de-fence collapsed in the second period of play and allowed the Easton collegians to win an exciting basketball game here this afternoon by a score of 33 to 19. The score at half time stood 11 to 9

The score at half time stood 11 to 9 in favor of Rutgers, the visitors scoring only three field goals. Anderson, star forward of Lafayette, was held scoreless in the first period, but worked hard in the second half, participating in an orgy of field goals. He counted six times from the field and scored seven points on free throws. Meury was the Rutgers star, with five goals. His two in the second half were spectacular shots from the middle of the court.

The line-up and summary follow:
Rutgers-Moury Miller, ferwards, Whitpen, on-try, Berg, Hobbisson, Whitehill, Neuschafer, guards, Lafayette-Anderson and Wedom, forwards, Paulson, control Taylor and Scott guards. Lafayette-Anderson and Widom, forwards, Published, Lafayette-Anderson, 6, Paulson, 1, Taylor, B. Sch.

Foul goals—Anderson, 7 out of 11; Wittpen, 3 out of 9, Referes—Tom Thorpe.

IT IS TO LAUGH!

An ancient rumor made its reappearance in sporting circles yesterday. This was the old yarn regarding the sale of the Giants. It was said that John J. McGraw was engineering the deal in the interests of George S. Ward and Harry F Sinclair, and that this explained McGraw's failure, at the very last moment, to accompany his team to ast moment, to accompany his team to All of the parties whose names were

All of the parties whose names were associated with the rumored negotiations declared emphatically there was ne jot of truth in the report. Point blank denials were had from Messrs. McGraw, Hempstead and Ward. Mr. Sinclair could not be located.

McGraw explained that the reason he had not gone to Marlin as planned was because of a wire from Outfielder Davey Robertson, who wished to come to New York to talk terms.

HELD IN 22D REGIMENT

Colonel Cornelius Vanderbilt, of the 22d Regiment Engineers, issued an order last night granting permission to the Amateur Athletic Union of the United States to conduct its national indoor track and field championships in the big armory at 168th Street and Fort Washington Avenue on Saturday evening, March 17, as originally scheduled.

Local officials had about made up Boston, Feb. 24.—Richard Bowler, of Hanover, N. H., a student at Worcester Academy, was elected president of the Interscholastic Amateur Athletic Association of New England at its annual meeting here to-day.

Local officials had about made up their minds to transfer the champion-ships to Philadelphia. When this order to Blair Academy here this was issued the news that Colonel Vandering and Palmer played well for Montelair, received in athletic circles with acclaim.

Fight Log

MONDAY
Palace S. C.—Frankie Brown and Frankie Burns. Yorkville S. C.—Johnny Clinton and Young Otto

TUESDAY Broadway S. C .- Jack Dillon and Al S. C .- Joe Lynch and Jack

WEDNESDAY Manhattan A. C.—Benny Leonard and Johnny Clinton.

which Nelson figured. Nelson forged forward, pawing and swinging, while Wolgast coolly and deliberately cut the Wolgast coolly and deliberately cut to Dane's face to ribbons. In the seventeenth round it began to look like the end—the usual end of an antagonist for Nelson. The Durable Dane rasped Wolgast across the jaw with a terrific right and Wolgast dropped on his haunches.

"It's all over," the crowd began to whisper. "Nelson can never be bat-

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arena. The ring was erected in a bog and the spectacors had to "mush" to their seats knee deep in the mud. Under the law which then existed in Callfornia there could be no "brutal finish" contests, but forty-five rounds were allowed in which the "contestants would be enabled to show their skill."

Battle of Bone and Brawn

There was no question of skill in that Wolgast-Nelson fight. It was pure fight of the most primitive order. It was a question of endurance, nothing else. Nelson had held the champion-ship for a long time because of a superhuman ability to receive punishment and to keep coming until his aptagonist's area.

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Nelson beat leaped to his fect, furious, and he drove Nelson back to the ropes. The vicious battle continued past thirty rounds, Wolgast hattering at Nelson's bruised face until the blood spattered over the men close to the ringside every time one of the sogry gloves shot home with unerring and and undiminished force.

Nelson began to give ground for the first time in his life. His knees sagred.

One eye was completely closed; the other was a purple slit. The nose was a screwed to a grotesque angle. The Durable Dane's body was a mass of red bruises.

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State College, Penn., Feb. 24. Penn State's field coach for next season's football team will be Xen C. Scott, formerly of Western Reserve University down and die."

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Scott played end and quarterback at Western Reserve University, from which institution he was graduated in 1905. Later he played professional it started like all of the fights.

S. HOWARD VOSHELL (right), of the Borough Park Tennis Club, Brooklyn, who won the national indoor lawn tennis championship, held last year by Robert Lindley Murray, of California, at the Seventh Regiment Armory on Thursday, and Clifton B. Herd (left), of California, runner-up, who was defeated by Voshell in the final round, by a score of 7-5, 6-3, 6-3.

